

OPEC cuts oil price and 'quotas'

LONDON. — OPEC last night announced it has cut its crude-oil reference price by about 15 per cent, from \$34 to \$29 a barrel, and reached agreement on production levels.

A historic communiqué announced the cut followed a week of crisis as among the oil ministers of OPEC (the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries), led in response to the unprecedented glut in the international oil market.

The price cut could mean a small drop in gasoline prices, but many analysts believe oil refiners will keep most of the saving.

OPEC's communiqué, read at a news conference last night, said it itself an overall production ceiling of 17.5 million barrels daily for the rest of 1983 to try to erase surpluses from the market and stop the price from falling again.

The oil industry wants to be concerned that the 13 fractious members can muster the cartel-style discipline to police the accord and enforce mandated individual output limits, especially if non-OPEC oil like Mexico and Britain make resolute new price cuts.

But delegates said OPEC was in a nasty fight by expert dictations that oil prices, rising uncontrolled to \$25 or \$20 a barrel, and that could encourage defiance to OPEC rules.

The communiqué said that Saudi Arabia, the biggest and wealthiest exporter, took no individual cut but will act as "swing producer." The significance is that, while digging in to foreign assets worth \$175 billion, Saudi Arabia undertakes to hold its output down until demands for the OPEC price reaches the agreed ceiling of 17.5 million barrels a day.

The industry considers that demand on OPEC is now down to 14 million barrels, lowest since the 1960s. That compares with 32 million pumped by OPEC in the height of its power in 1979, and its soaring prices helped tilt West into recession and spurred use of non-OPEC oil, gas and coal.

The OPEC president, Nigeria's Minister Mallam Yahaya Dikko, reported that quotas for each of the 13 countries under the 17.5 million barrel limit will not be lifted.

The OPEC secretary-general, N. Nguema of Gabon, said most of the price differentials in OPEC varying from the \$20 to \$29 price will remain at least in Vienna in March, 1982.

However, Nigeria, whose \$5.50 a barrel cut last month triggered the oil summit, would retain its own price of \$30 a barrel temporarily, instead of the usual \$15.50 differential for its higher-quality oil.

Dikko said OPEC believed that OPEC members, including Britain, would do nothing to jeopardize new price levels.

Iran, which has caused problems in the past by undercutting the reference price, was said by yesterday's communiqué to have accepted its mandated output quota.

The Teheran Radio said earlier it would produce up to 2.7 million barrels daily.

The communiqué said Iran would be the right to cut prices. The Iranian have previously said their war with fellow founder-member Iraq excuses them from being strictly in line with OPEC, but their Gulf Arab comrades have not been happy with it (Reuters, AP).



Defence Minister Moshe Arens (second from right) yesterday inspected a production line at Israel Aircraft Industries, where he heard a survey of the progress being made in the research and development of the new Lavie attack aircraft. Story Page 3.

Aridor: no special deal for doctors

By MARGERY GREENFELD
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Finance Minister Yoram Aridor last night told the nation's 8,500 striking doctors that he has no intention of settling the wage dispute by deviating from the 22-per-cent limit on salary rises set down in the 1982 collective wage agreement.

Speaking at Ben-Gurion Airport upon his return from a two-week swing through South Africa and the Far East, Aridor repeated emphatically that the doctors' demands can be satisfied only within the "framework of the collective agreement signed with the Histadrut." (Related story - page 2)

Aridor called on the Israel Medical Association to "present new proposals on improving doctors' salaries, but only within the terms of the existing wage agreement."

"I would expect to hear that the doctors are ending their strike, returning to work and extending medical care to every patient, according to the law," Aridor said. "I also expect proposals from the doctors on how to improve the low salaries of the younger doctors. We are willing to help the weaker doctors, but we will not do this by further improving the position of the stronger, more senior group."

Aridor is scheduled to meet today at 3 p.m. with representatives of the IMA for the first time since the strike began on March 2.

A special meeting of the Knesset Labour and Social Affairs Committee will be held today at noon, at the request of the Alignment faction, to discuss the threat posed to the community health-care system by the continued closure of the country's 1,500 sick-fund clinics.

Chairman Menahem Porush, who has been involved in attempts to settle the strike, told *The Post* last night that he believes intensive negotiations can be resumed now. Aridor has returned and the hospitals are functioning with 30 per cent of their regular staffs following the agreement on lifting the back-to-work orders issued last week, he said.

Replying to criticism of his absence during the crisis, Aridor said that he was in constant contact with those conducting the talks and their positions were coordinated with him at all times.

Another attempt to renew the formal wage negotiations fell through yesterday after a short "unofficial meeting" between IMA and Treasury representatives. The doctors, who last week demanded tables of figures showing what their

Shamir meets Reagan, Shultz, finds: U.S. 'understanding' on Lebanon pullout

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir yesterday emerged from meetings with President Ronald Reagan and Secretary of State George Shultz to say that the U.S. and Israel have achieved "a great understanding" on the principles involved in the negotiations over the withdrawal of foreign troops from Lebanon.

Shamir said that he was extending his visit to Washington for at least another day, probably to continue discussions with the Americans. He originally was due to leave last night.

Shamir emerged from the White House to call his meeting with Reagan "friendly."

"We have discussed the situation in the Middle East, not only in Lebanon but all the peace prospects in our area," Shamir said. "The president expressed again his feelings toward Israel, his concerns about the security of Israel and his aim to accelerate the arrival of peace in our area."

After the approximately 30-minute meeting with Reagan at the White House, Shamir drove back to the State Department for a third round of discussions with Shultz.

The foreign minister, in response to a question, confirmed that the issue of "outside guarantees" designed to ensure Israel's security along the Lebanese border came up during the discussions.

"The problem was discussed," he said. "We will continue the discussions about it."

Shamir stressed that the discussions with the Americans are not "negotiations." He said such negotiations can take place only directly with the Lebanese and that they will resume in the region in the coming days.

The U.S., Israel and Lebanon, Shamir said, agree on the basic principles that there "must be cooperation between Israel and Lebanon in the security zone" in South Lebanon. But he said that the "form or modality" will have to be negotiated.

Shamir avoided saying flatly that Israel will insist on a formal military presence in South Lebanon. "We will have to help Lebanon to keep the security in this area," Shamir said. He once again insisted that Lebanon is still unable to do so without help from Israel.

Shamir also confirmed that the U.S. came forward with new ideas yesterday, designed to bridge the gap in the negotiations. But he insisted that "the details have to be left to negotiations in the area."

Shamir said the secretary of state was satisfied by Israel's extensive presentation over the past 48 hours. He said the U.S. and Israel will continue "our contacts" in order to further refine the basic U.S.-Israeli understanding.

"I must say that these were conversations between the U.S. and Israel, and not negotiations. We have not negotiated. All the details will be left to the negotiations in the area. We have discussed more the principles and in our discussions about these principles, there was achieved a great deal of understanding between us and the U.S.," said Shamir.

Lebanese Foreign Minister Elie Salem was first to arrive at the State Department yesterday for a second round of talks with Shultz. He had barely left the diplomatic entrance when Shamir arrived for his separate session with the secretary and his aides.

Shamir, who spent nearly three hours at the State Department, drove to the White House after Shultz hosted a working luncheon in his honour.

The Americans are determined to present an image of being "fair and evenhanded" in allowing the Israeli and Lebanese ministers to make their cases directly to Reagan, Shultz and the other U.S. policymakers.

Salem, after his meeting with Shultz, said the secretary basically relayed to him Israeli fears regarding security in South Lebanon.

Another Lebanese official said "a great deal of progress" was achieved, although he declined to elaborate.

Salem pinned the blame for the impasse on Israel. He said Israel's fears are still the major problem standing in the way of an agreement.

"There are still fears in Israel about part of the agreement that will arise," Salem said. "I believe that these are not justified. I believe that Lebanon has gone a long way. I believe that, given the objective facts that are before us on the table,

Israel's trade deficit shows massive increase

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

Israel's \$557 million trade deficit for the first two months of 1983 was almost 20 per cent higher than that of the corresponding period last year.

Figures released yesterday by the Central Bureau of Statistics show that the increased deficit was caused by a \$50m. rise in the country's imports together with a \$39m. drop in exports.

Imports in the January-February period totalled \$1,307m. compared to \$1,257m. in the same period of 1982 — a 4 per cent increase.

The rise in imports consisted primarily of a 20 per cent increase in the import of consumption goods, especially of private cars. Car imports jumped from \$34m. in January-February 1982 to \$45 million in the first two months of 1983 — a 33 per cent increase. Food

product imports increased by 17 per cent.

The import of investment goods also showed a considerable increase, rising from \$94m. in January-February 1982 to \$122m. in the same period this year.

The effects of the rising imports were mitigated, however, by a 17 per cent drop in the cost of oil imports, caused mainly by the sharp drop in oil prices in international markets.

Exports of merchandise declined by 5 per cent over the January-February 1982 period — from \$795m. to \$756m.

Industrial exports declined by 3.5 per cent, while diamond exports rose by 9 per cent.

The largest drop in exports was registered by the agricultural sector, whose sales abroad declined by 26 per cent — from \$147m. in January-February 1982 to \$109m. in the same period this year.

Curfews and jailings after W. Bank violence

By DAVID RICHARDSON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Military sources reported a general decrease in incidents of unrest in the West Bank yesterday, attributing this to a series of military, administrative and penal measures adopted over the past few days.

The Israeli Defence Forces yesterday used a helicopter to find trouble spots in the area and monitor and coordinate its handling of disturbances. (East Jerusalem — page 2)

The driver of a military car was slightly injured by stones as he passed the al-Amari school outside Ramallah, and a military and a civilian car were damaged by stones as they drove through Kalkilya. Serious unrest was also reported from the casbah and the central square in Nablus, and the casbah was under curfew yesterday afternoon.

The curfew on the Kalandiya and al-Amari refugee camps north of Jerusalem was lifted yesterday but remains in force on four other camps — Ein Beit Alma, Jelazoun, Aida and Dehaishe — and on the towns of Kalkilya and Dahariya.

Some youths suspected of stone throwing were detained in different parts of the areas yesterday. A catapult and ballbearings were found in possession of one of those detained in Nablus.

Arab sources at Birzeit University, which reopened after a recess yesterday, reported that three civilians in a yellow Subaru sedan stopped three students walking between the university's two campuses, beat them and "kidnapped" one, whom the Birzeit sources named as Mohammed Hammo of Gaza.

Military sources confirmed that the student was detained on suspicion of throwing stones.

Some disturbances were also reported from the Gaza District, where the military court yesterday sentenced 35 youths to fines of between IS7500 and IS 15,000 and to suspended jail terms for participating in disturbances.

Heavier fines and imprisonment (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6)

Security tighter around Sidon

BEIRUT (AP). — The Israel Defence Forces yesterday took heavy security precautions in and around Sidon, following two ambushes there and in Tyre on Sunday in which nine IDF soldiers were wounded while on patrol.

Roadblocks were set up along the approaches to the city and in its commercial centre and the number of motorized patrols was increased. IDF soldiers took positions on the roofs of buildings in order to command a view of the streets and to be able to follow any suspicious movement of people or vehicles.

Soldiers carefully searched part of the Ein Hilwe refugee camp and arrested some residents. Lebanese papers yesterday reported that the "Lebanese National Opposition Front" took responsibility for the ambushes, as it has done for several previous strikes against the IDF.

The Syrians last night directed small-arms fire at an Israeli fortification on the eastern front in Lebanon. There were no injuries and the Israeli soldiers returned the fire.

This is the second time in two days the Syrians have fired on an Israeli position in the area. (Security unit cut-back — Page 3)

'Relaxed atmosphere' marks Egypt-Israel trade talks

CAIRO (AP). — Egypt and Israel resumed trade talks yesterday, following a nine-month hiatus caused by the Israeli invasion of Lebanon.

Both sides reported a relaxed atmosphere at the first meeting, which lasted three hours.

Except for "uninterrupted" Egyptian oil exports to Israel averaging between \$300-\$600 million annually since 1980, fledgling commercial exchanges have been largely frozen since the June 6 invasion which Egypt strongly opposed.

The talks, expected to last three days, were held at the Mena House hotel at the foot of the Great Pyramid of Cheops on Cairo's western outskirts.

Israel's delegation leader, Avraham Asheri, told reporters the talks will cover implementation of an umbrella trade agreement and subsequent protocols concluded in 1980 and 1981.

Israeli sources said a big problem is the Egyptian government's refusal to issue licences for imports from Israel since the Lebanon invasion. Between January and November, 1982, they said, Israeli exports to Egypt stood at about \$20m, but this was the result of Egyptian licences granted before last June.

The Israeli sources estimated Israeli exports to Egypt in 1980, the first year of normalization, at about \$20m. and in 1981 at between \$25 and \$30m. Exports would have been higher in 1982 if Egypt had not withheld licences.

(Egyptian exports to Israel, excluding oil, averaged \$1m. annually over the last three years.)

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Turn for the worse in plight of Soviet Jews'

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Fourteen leaders of the American Jewish Committee who arrived in Israel yesterday after a week-long visit to Moscow and Leningrad, port a "serious turn for the worse" in the plight of Soviet Jews.

Laynard Wishner, president of the AJC, said a new development is the assaults on Jews have not sought to emigrate. In the past, it mostly those applying for exit visas who were physically harassed.

Wishner said that he learned of a game called "concentration camp" that has sprung up, apparently spontaneously, in the atmosphere of increased anti-Semitism. In it, a child — usually a Jew — is given a number by his classmates and is referred to by the number rather than by his name for days on end.

He also reported that the Soviets have initiated a campaign to induce refuseniks to "re-

emigrate, said Wishner. Nearly everyone they met expressed the desire to settle in Israel.

Wishner mentioned the case of Abe Stoler, a 71-year-old American-born Jew who left Chicago at the age of 19 with his parents to live in Russia "for idealistic reasons," whose visa application has been rejected. Wishner said that the Soviets could easily have granted Stoler permission to leave without setting a precedent for Russian-born Jews and pointed to the rejection as a bad sign.

While top officials at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow are doing all they can to assist refuseniks, diplomats from other Western countries are not doing so, Wishner said.

Wishner, who is in Israel to attend the Jerusalem World Conference for Soviet Jewry, which begins tonight (story — page 3), said that the AJC will create a special task force to intensify activity on behalf of Soviet Jews.

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Thunderstorms, snow in the north.

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Humidity	Min-Max	Max
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Haifa Port	11	14
Tiberias	65	7-18
Nazareth	79	9-13
Atlit	71	12-18
Shomron	84	6-14
Tel Aviv	68	10-17
B-G Airport	71	8-18
Jericho	53	7-21
Gaza	73	10-16
Beer Sheva	33	6-17
Lilal	30	12-23

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

President Yitzhak Navon visited the El-Op factory in Rehovot on Sunday and was presented with a compass manufactured there.

Tomorrow evening the president will be the guest speaker at the annual meeting of the Jerusalem region of the Association of Americans & Canadians in Israel at the Laromne Hotel at 9 p.m.

Knesset Speaker Menachem Begin met yesterday with the President of Rotary International, Hiroki Mukasa of Japan.

Stephen Loftus Egerton, Assistant Under-Secretary of State for Britain's Foreign and Commonwealth Office was received at the Jerusalem City Hall yesterday by Mayor Teddy Kollek.

Haifa Mayor Arye Gurel yesterday sent a telegram of congratulations to French Interior Minister Gaston Defferre on his re-election as Mayor of Marseille. Haifa and Marseille are twinned and Defferre visited Haifa last month to mark the pact's 20th anniversary.

ARRIVALS

Ivan J. Novick, President, Zionist Organization of America, for Soviet Jewry Conference, and ZOA business.

Professor Franklin H. Littell, Temple University, Philadelphia, and Max Sachs Littell, Executive Director, National Institute on the Holocaust, to attend the World Conference on Soviet Jewry.

Ya'acov Gilboa wins composers award

Composer Ya'acov Gilboa has been named first recipient of the Prime Minister's Prize for Israeli Composers. The prize is sponsored jointly by the Israeli Composers Union and the art and culture council of the Education and Culture Ministry.

Two new compositions by Gilboa will be played at the prize-giving ceremony today at Beit Ariela in Tel Aviv. (Iim)

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HOME NEWS

Doctors warned not to endanger patients' lives

By MARGERY GREENFELD and LIOA MORIEL
Jerusalem Post Reporters

Health Ministry Director-General Prof. Baruch Modan yesterday warned the Israel Medical Association that delaying medical treatment is apt to "endanger patients' lives."

In an urgent cable to IMA chairman Dr. Ram Ishai, Modan noted that the ministry has received complaints about the "postponement of surgery for cancer patients, coronary patients and others in similar situations."

Modan appealed to Ishai to order the "immediate cessation of such practices if indeed they have already occurred."

Modan sent the ministry's assistant director-general for special assignments, Uriel Rifin, to Wolfson Hospital in Holon and Soroka Hospital in Beersheba to investigate two of the four complaints about withholding of medical care received by the ministry yesterday.

The Beersheba case, which was splashed across the front page of yesterday's *Ma'ariv*, concerned a woman who was allegedly told she had cancer and then instructed to come back to the hospital when the strike ended. The newspaper said that the duty doctor diagnosed the cancerous growth on the spot, but

then sent the patient home, following instructions issued by the IMA. But neither did the woman have cancer nor could such a diagnosis be made without a biopsy, the IMA said last night.

"The woman came to the emergency room two days ago and a lump was detected in her breast. The duty doctor asked her to go to one of the temporary medical centres for another examination. This examination, performed yesterday, revealed that the woman was suffering from an abscess. An incision was made in the breast, the abscess was drained, and the woman is in good condition," Dr. Haim Zakut, deputy chairman of the IMA, told *The Jerusalem Post* last night.

Health Minister Eliezer Shostak yesterday asked Police Inspector-General Nitzav Arye Ivztan to have the incident investigated.

IMA spokesmen stressed again yesterday that all emergency cases are being treated immediately and that medical care is available for a \$500 fee at the more than 200 temporary medical centres operating throughout the country in rented premises.

The results of two other investigations ordered last week by Modan into similar complaints have not been made public.

Woman soldier injured by rock in E. Jerusalem

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A woman soldier was injured by a rock thrown in East Jerusalem yesterday as unrest mounted in the wake of last week's attempt by Jewish zealots to allegedly break into the Temple Mount.

The injured girl was travelling on a bus that was stoned near the Rockefeller Museum.

Moslem authorities held a special prayer on the Temple Mount in the afternoon as a reaction to the alleged break-in attempt, but only about 700 persons participated.

Police recorded incidents of stone throwing, roadblocks and the raising of Palestinian flags in East Jerusalem during the day. Residents of Arab Abu Tor threw stones at a municipal employee but he was not injured.

Elsewhere, an Arab youth wearing a shirt in the colours of the

Palestinian flag was arrested.

An attempt to organize a commercial strike in East Jerusalem was partially successful in the morning, but many merchants reopened their shops in the afternoon.

A strong security presence was evident in East Jerusalem and Border Policemen patrolled the ramparts of the Old City.

The Jewish group that has been demonstrating for years for the right of Jews to pray on the Temple Mount — the Temple Mount Faithful — began yesterday to solicit signatures at downtown street corners in support of their cause.

The group's spokesman, Gershon Solomon, said the petition had been planned before last week's incident. Solomon said his organization believes only in legal means to achieve its ends.

'Who's a Jew' bid seen doomed

Post Knesset Correspondent

The Agudat Yisrael amendment to the Law of Return, which will be debated and voted at its preliminary reading tomorrow, will not cause a coalition crisis when it fails to pass, as it inevitably will.

Aguda leader Avraham Shapira, who conferred with Prime Minister Menachem Begin yesterday in an effort to whip up maximum support for the proposal, told the premier he is aware that the coalition never promised to put the amendment through.

The Aguda proposes to amend the Law of Return to specify that

conversions to Judaism may be according to the Halacha only.

Begin told Shapira and the National Religious Party's Haim Druckman, who was also present, that the measure will not pass. But he said he was willing to try to sway anyone they suggested.

At least half of the Liberal wing of the Likud will not support the Aguda measure.

The four-man Aguda faction promised its members, the council of Torah Sages, to bring the "Who's a Jew" law up in the Knesset before it recesses for the Pessah recess next week.

Beduin on hunger strike to protest 'harassment'

By LIOA MORIEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — A dozen Beduin men of the Azazma tribe began a hunger strike yesterday to protest against alleged harassment by the Green Patrol.

The men, who are fasting in the woods near Abraham's Well, are supported by the local chapter of the Association for Civil Rights in Israel.

The Beduin say that the Green Patrol confiscated 180 goats belonging to two members of the Wuj

family last Thursday, despite a court injunction forbidding them to do so.

"The family took the Green Patrol to court four years ago, and complains of having been harassed ever since. One of the hunger strikers, El-Wuj, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday: "They come with jeeps, they come with firearms but they never come to talk. We will fast here until somebody from the Ministry of Agriculture speaks to us."

The Beduin say the Green Patrol sells the confiscated goats to an animal dealer in Rafah, whom they identify as Silman Abjizai. They say they bought 30 of the goats, taken on Thursday, back from the dealer on Saturday.

The Agriculture Ministry wants the Azazma tribe, which numbers 500 families, to move to a permanent settlement near the Beersheba Prison. But the Wuj, Sarshid and Zayadin families wish to stay in their present location near the Nafha Prison, in the Negev mountains. They say they wish to establish an agricultural community.

Hapoel Ramat Gan demolish Maccabi

Post Sports Reporter

Hapoel Ramat Gan last night proved themselves after all to be the second best team in Israeli basketball when they demolished their town rivals, Maccabi Ramat Gan 97-65 at Yad Eliyahu Stadium.

Hapoel led 40-22 at the half in what was the first game of the semi-final series in the play-off of the national league. The return game will be played on Thursday night. Top scorers: Hapoel: Pondexter 31, Goren, 16, Moskowitz 15. Maccabi: Jamchee 28.

In the other play-off game, Maccabi Tel Aviv beat Hapoel Holon 89-88. Jack Zimmerman scored the winning point a second before the close.

STREET. — A street in Or Yehuda was yesterday named in memory of Aluf Yekutiel Adam, the deputy chief of staff who was killed in action in Lebanon last year.



Rhodes Boyson, British under-secretary of state at the Department of Education, is shown at the ORT technological school at Jerusalem's Givat Ram yesterday. Boyson is here to represent the British government at the World Conference on Soviet Jewry opening in Jerusalem tonight. (Roni Naaman)

Inflation figures, due out today, 'are crucial'

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

Economic observers in Jerusalem believe the Consumer Price Index for February, due to appear this afternoon, could be a crucial indication of inflationary trends for the coming months.

According to the observers a February inflation rate above 5.5 per cent would represent a severe blow to the economic policies of Finance Minister Yoram Aridor. February usually registers a low rate of price increases. The Treasury is aiming at an 80 per cent annual rate

of inflation, which would mean a 4-to-5 per cent monthly rate of price increases.

To reach this target the ministry has slowed the devaluation of the shekel, limiting it to 5 per cent a month, and has raised the price of controlled commodities by a similar rate.

This policy has been sharply criticized, especially by exporters, who contend that the slow down of devaluation is responsible for the fall in exports.

Until now the rate of inflation has shown only slight signs of going down from the 132 per cent of last year. The monthly rate for January was 8.5 per cent.

Kirkpatrick sees progress on Lebanon

Jerusalem Post Staff

U.S. Ambassador to the UN Jeane Kirkpatrick said yesterday after meeting Israeli leaders that she sees "significant movement" towards an agreement with Lebanon.

After meeting with Deputy Foreign Minister Yehuda Ben-Meir, she told reporters: "We agree that there has been some significant movement on all sides, and while all problems are not resolved, there has been some genuine progress."

Ben-Meir said another subject discussed was the Soviet role in the Middle East. He said they agreed it is necessary to show the Soviet

Union that, despite "tactical differences" between U.S. and Israeli policy, "there is no challenge" to the strong alliance between Israel and the U.S.

Kirkpatrick yesterday called on Prime Minister Menachem Begin with a message from President Ronald Reagan, which Begin's spokesman described as "extremely friendly."

The U.S. diplomat is in the country to attend the World Conference on Soviet Jewry. Reagan's message includes a promise to work for free emigration by Soviet Jews, but no other details were released.

Kirkpatrick told a press conference last night that relations between Israel and the U.S. are "strong, close and constructive."

She said both Israel and the U.S. have a common goal with regard to the withdrawal of foreign forces from Lebanon and the establishment of a free, sovereign and independent Lebanon.

She said that when her predecessor in office, Andrew Young, met PLO representatives, it led quickly to his resignation. She noted that former president Jimmy Carter never met PLO representatives while in office, because it is U.S. policy not to recognize the PLO until its policy toward Israel changes.

Secrecy over bequest money out of place, says Nissim

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

The committee of ministers to allocate bequest funds left to the state that were not specially earmarked by the testators, will hold its next meeting in April, Justice Minister Meir Dagan told the Knesset Finance Committee yesterday.

Nissim, who heads the committee, said that this time he will publicize the availability of the bequest moneys more widely than before, as a reflection of his conviction that the secrecy that so surrounded the subject in the past is out of place.

Nissim told Labour's Nava Arad, who has studied how institutions request and receive bequest moneys,

that there is no reason why some form of parliamentary supervision over the operations of the committee of ministers should not be introduced, as she demanded.

He said that the Defence Ministry, which gets bequest moneys independently without notifying the other government departments involved, will now begin to cooperate with the committee he heads, as she demanded.

After Nissim said that the criteria for allocating bequest moneys are precise as well as logical, Arad said that the Finance Committee sometimes approves special budgetary grants or loans to institutions without knowing that the committee of ministers has also granted large sums from bequest moneys.

Aridor sees upswing in trade with Japan

The "positive exchange of views" he had with the Japanese finance minister will advance trade between the two countries, Finance Minister Yoram Aridor said yesterday on arriving from a two-week visit to South Africa and the Far East.

Aridor said that the tasks he accomplished abroad are important to the country, and that criticism of his absence from the country is out of place.

Aridor said that the trade agreements he signed with South Africa are very important and signify a further advance in economic relations between the two countries.

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were meted out in the Ramallah military court. Six youths aged between 17 and 18 who were convicted of participating in recent disturbances were sentenced to six to eight months' imprisonment and 18 months suspended, and were given fines between IS10,600 and IS25,000. "Three local school girls convicted of stone throwing were fined between IS50,000 and IS80,000. In passing sentence, the military judge said that the court is determined to "mete out punishments that will serve as deterrents."

Late on Sunday night unidentified people fired at the house of the former mayor of Dura, Mohammed Mussa Amar. No injuries were reported although some damage was caused.

A petrol bomb was thrown at the car of a member of the village league in the Jenin area on Sunday night. The bottle exploded on the back of the car but the blaze was extinguished.

A guard with the Hebron Village League was seriously wounded in a shooting accident yesterday. The man, a member of the Harb family associated with the new chairman of the league, Jamil al Amla, was travelling in one of their jeeps near Ramallah when a colleague holding an Uzi submachine gun let loose a burst of automatic fire. The wounded man was in a serious condition in the Ramallah hospital last night.

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there should be absolutely no reason why an agreement should not be reached very, very soon."

Israel's demands for security in South Lebanon are too strong, he said, adding that "nobody" could really guarantee "the long-term future" in the precise manner sought by Israel.

Lebanon's Ambassador to the UN, Ghassan Tuani, yesterday insisted that Lebanese Army troops, joined by soldiers from the multinational peacekeeping force and UNIFIL, are able to maintain security in South Lebanon.

He rejected Shamir's argument that the Israel Defence Forces and the Lebanese Army will have to coordinate security arrangements in the south for "two or three more years."

The two men were interviewed separately yesterday on ABC Television's *Good Morning America* programme before they returned to the State Department for further separate meetings with Shultz.

Tuani, who has accompanied Salem here, said the PLO and Syria once again assured Lebanon during the Non-Aligned summit last week in New Delhi that they will leave Lebanon only together with Israel.

Lebanon, he said, feels it reached tentative agreement with Israel on appropriate security arrangements, only to discover recently that Israel backed away from the deal. He suggested that Israel might be deliberately delaying in the negotiations in order to avoid having to get involved in the broader Palestinian negotiations.

Tuani's hard line — backed up by former Lebanese prime minister Saeb Salam, who is also in Washington for the talks — underlined the still apparently wide gap separating the Israeli and Lebanese positions in the dragging negotiations.

In this regard, the Lebanese pointedly refused to meet Shamir and other Israeli officials during the talks here.

Shamir, during his interview, said it is "a question of time" before the Lebanese can maintain their security in the south. "I am sure that Lebanon will restore its independence, its sovereignty, and in a few years, it will be able to control the security of all its territory," he said.

"But the question is what will happen in the next months or in the next few years," he said. "Therefore, we are concerned that after our withdrawal — we want to leave Lebanon as soon as possible — we are concerned that something will happen after we will not be there, and the PLO terrorists will come back. Our goal is by certain security arrangements to prevent that from happening."

He said that all the means to protect Israel's security in South Lebanon are based on "close cooperation between the Lebanese forces and the Israeli forces." He spoke of a two- or three-year period.

Carter: Settlements prevent peace

AMMAN (Reuters). — Former U.S. president Jimmy Carter said yesterday that Israel's settlements in Judea and Samaria are illegal and an obstacle to the Middle East peace process.

Carter, who arrived in Amman yesterday from Israel, told a news conference before leaving for Saudi Arabia that the settlements are "a direct violation of international law and the most serious adverse development in the past two years." He said: "Settlements are illegal and an obstacle to peace."

During his stay in Amman, Carter had talks with King Hussein.

Carter was especially critical of Prime Minister Menachem Begin's proposals on autonomy for the Palestinians in Judea, Samaria and the Gaza District. "I think Prime Minister Begin's proposals on autonomy have been very poor and very short of what is reasonable. On the other hand, he is not seeing the Palestinians and Jordan come forward and say, okay let's negotiate on what is fair and what is right," said Carter.

Tripoli fighting

BEIRUT (AP). — Four persons have died in sporadic gunfire between pro and anti-Syrian factions in the Syrian controlled northern city of Tripoli, police said yesterday.

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The Peruvian Air Attache offers his thanks in advance to those who participate in this act of worship.

Big cuts ordered in security unit

By HIRSH GOODMAN
Post Defence Correspondent

Defence Minister Moshe Arens has ordered drastic cuts in the defence ministry's National Security Unit. But he has not asked for the resignation of Aluf Avraham Tamir, its commander.

It was clear to most observers that the unit would be severely trimmed when Arens replaced Ariel Sharon as defence minister. Under Sharon the unit had taken on the proportions of an alternative general staff, with more than 30 officers serving in it. Under Sharon's predecessor, Ezer Weizmann, there were only two.

Instead of coordinating the various arms of the defence establishment, as was originally intended, it became a mechanism for circumventing them, providing the minister with independent assessments and alternative suggestions for policy, including the conduct of the war in Lebanon, and settlement policy in the administered territories.

Tamir is in the U.S. with Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, in his capacity as Israel's negotiator on the security sub-committee in the Lebanon-Israel negotiations.

The defence minister's decision to reduce the unit's size and independence was conveyed to Tamir's deputy by Arens' adviser, Aluf Menahem Meron. According to defence sources the unit will continue to operate, coordinating between the Israel Defence Forces, the minister and the ministry's director-general. It will order special studies on strategic issues from the academic world, as well as from within the army, and will work closely with the IDF's planning unit.

No figures were given, but it is understood that only a few officers will remain.

The National Security Unit under Sharon carried out tasks at the minister's request on a wide range of issues, most of its studies being marked for the minister's eyes only.

Histadrut blamed for C-o-L pact delay

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter

Deputy Finance Minister Haim Kaufman yesterday blamed the delay in the implementation of the new cost-of-living agreement on the Histadrut. He accused the labour federation of having "impaired to some extent" the effectiveness of the steps taken to curb inflation.

Surveying the activities of the ministry, in the context of the budget debate, Kaufman said that despite that delay, the index in the last few months indicated "a certain deceleration" in the rate of price increases.

Kaufman said there are prospects — he did not say good prospects —

that in a relatively short time the economy will stabilize at a level of price rises lower than that of 1982. "After that new level is achieved," he said, "we will be able gradually to move on to even lower price levels and to remove the economy from the inflationary process."

Kaufman's audience, when he was halfway through his 25-minute speech, consisted of 13 Knesset Members, including seven from the Alignment and only two from the Likud.

An hour later, during the speech of Shevah Weiss (Alignment), the only MKs present, apart from Kaufman and Speaker Menahem

Soviet Jewry rally starts tonight

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The West will regard a reopening of the emigration gates to Soviet Jewry as a "sign of good will and a renewal of détente," Jewish Agency Executive Chairman Arye Dulzin said yesterday.

At a press conference on the eve of the Jerusalem World Conference for Soviet Jewry, Dulzin called on the new president of the Soviet Union, Yuri Andropov, to permit every Russian Jew who wishes to emigrate to leave.

Nearly 1,500 delegates from 31 countries are expected to attend the conference, which opens in Jerusalem's Binyanei Ha'uma tonight.

The conference, the third of its kind in the last 12 years, is also the largest, Dulzin said. It opens at a time when the doors are "for all practical purposes closed."

Dulzin said that the three-day conference is to press for the release of Jews who seek to emigrate to Israel, the release of Prisoners of Zion and an end to the intimidation and persecution of Jews.

'Open the doors' call goes to Soviet leaders

The Jewish Agency chairman said he is pleased by the participation of non-Jews at the conference, including U.S. Ambassador to the UN Jeane Kirkpatrick, who will read a message from President Ronald Reagan to the delegates, and Rhodes Boyson, undersecretary of state at Britain's Department of Education, representing Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

The conference opens at 8:30 tonight, with the first session to be chaired by Simone Veil, former president of the European Parliament. President Yitzhak Navon will deliver the major address. Former Prisoner of Zion Yosef Mendelovich, who has been living in Israel for nearly two years, will read a message from Soviet Jews.

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith yesterday called upon the Soviet Union to cancel an anti-Zionist educational campaign scheduled to be introduced into the nation's secondary schools later this year. Abraham Foxman, the league's associate national director and director of its international affairs division, said that the programme will "poison the atmosphere for Jewish schoolchildren."

Knesset to get electronic voting machine

Post Knesset Correspondent

Electronic voting will be installed in the Knesset plenum chamber during the 1983/84 budgetary year, the House Committee decided yesterday.

The committee appointed a sub-committee of three to draft and submit a tender for the new system in the next few weeks.

Although the three Knesset Members have not decided what specifications they will require, the

French translation of Kahan report 'foiled'

Post Knesset Correspondent

Labour Knesset Member Michael Bar-Zohar has accused Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir of foiling a project to publish the Kahan Commission's report on the Sabra and Shatila massacres in French.

Bar-Zohar said yesterday that during a visit to Paris a few days ago, French publishers told him that a contract to publish the report in translation fell through after Shamir made the Israeli embassy backtrack on a signed commitment to buy 3,000 copies and distribute them.

Two new chief rabbis to be elected today

Jerusalem Post Staff

Elections of the country's two chief rabbis are to take place this afternoon at 4 at the seat of the chief rabbinate, Hechal Shlomo, in Jerusalem. The High Court of Justice on Monday cancelled an injunction barring the elections after the cabinet righted an imbalance in the 150-member electoral college.

The voting is to begin as soon as a quorum of 80 electors is present. The session is to be conducted by Judge Yosef Goldberg. There are six candidates — three Ashkenazi and three Sephardi.

Each elector will vote by ascending the dais and casting two ballots: one for the Ashkenazi chief rabbi and one for the Sephardi, who also carries the title of *Rishon Lezion* (first in Zion). The votes are to be counted immediately after the balloting and the results announced. In case of a tie, another vote will be taken.

The Hechal Shlomo building (but not the adjoining, separate synagogue) is to be closed from 3 p.m. and entry to the hall where the elections are to take place will be limited to electors and members of the elections committee.

The injunction had been issued in response to a demand that the con-

Low taxes paid by Israelis abroad

Post Economic Reporter

Israelis working abroad for local institutions' enjoy considerable tax benefits compared to local employees, it was revealed yesterday in the Knesset State Control Committee.

According to the committee's findings, Israelis working abroad for the government, the Jewish Agency, or local companies are exempted from income tax on up to 45 per cent of their salaries and pay only 25 per cent income tax on the rest. In addition, expenses such as education and rent are not taxed, and employers can deduct them from their taxable income.

Figures received by the committee show that an Israeli ambassador abroad receives some \$3,600 a month, of which \$1,000 are considered expenses and are therefore exempted from tax. Thus, the total tax payable is \$450 a month. These figures do not include the rent for an official residence.

The average civil servant serving abroad earns \$1,800 a month and receives an additional \$1,600 for rent and expenses.

Nazareth promised money by ministry

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAZARETH — The Interior Ministry will help the Nazareth municipality overcome its financial difficulties, Interior Ministry Director-General Haim Kubersky said yesterday.

During a visit to town hall, Kubersky promised \$55 million to enable the municipality to reduce its growing deficit. He also promised to help the municipality widen the town's narrow streets.

Mayor Tawfik Zayyad asked the Interior Ministry to include in his city's jurisdiction about 700 dunams on the border between Nazareth and Upper Nazareth.

Zayyad rejected the ministry's

Bundestag group here

TEL AVIV (JTA) — A delegation of the German Federal Republic's Germany-Israel parliamentary group is visiting the country until March 18th. Their visit includes meetings with Interior Minister Yosef Burg, Ambassador Yohanan Meroz, head of the Foreign Ministry's European section, and Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek.

The delegation, comprising 15 members of the Bundestag and their aides, is headed by Gottfried Koster.

Two drug peddlers charged with murder

BEERSHEBA (JTA) — Two 21-year-old alleged drug peddlers were yesterday accused in the district court here of killing a Beersheba man in cold blood and robbing him while he lay dying.

The prosecutor told the court that on the evening of February 2, the two men, Yosef Triki and Yehuda Tayeb, went to the home of Nissim Balish, also described as a drug peddler, and called him outside. They went with him to a public park where they stabbed him three times in the heart area. Balish offered no resistance, said the prosecutor.

While Balish lay dying, they stole from him a gold chain, pendants, and \$3,000.

Triki and Tayeb were remanded into custody for eight days, at the end of which time their detention for the remainder of the trial will be discussed again.

Press Council speaks to Knesset body

A delegation from the Press Council yesterday appeared before the Knesset Constitution, Legislation and Law Committee, which is discussing a proposal to amend the penal code so as to forbid the publication of a suspect's name before he is charged in court.

The amendment was proposed by Knesset Member Chaim Herzog (Alignment). The journalist delegation will appear before the committee again next week.

EXERCISE — There will be a civil defence exercise in the Yehud district tomorrow between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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Spectacular comeback for left in France

PARIS (Reuters). — France's ruling Socialist Party staged a spectacular comeback in bitterly-fought municipal elections yesterday, confounding forecasts it would suffer a severe defeat by the centre-right opposition.

After a swing back to the left in the second round of voting, incomplete results showed that the Socialists and their Communist allies would lose control of 20 towns. The figure was comfortably

within the range of losses that the left said last week would be bearable.

The results were a disappointment for the opposition, which captured 16 towns in the first round a week earlier and had hoped for a dramatic consolidation of its gains.

Opposition leaders conducted the election campaign as a referendum on the performance of the government parties after two years in office.

Cairo cabinet changes following scandal

CAIRO (AP). — President Hosni Mubarak yesterday swore in two new ministers who joined the cabinet in a shake up triggered by a corruption scandal involving the half brother of the late President Anwar Sadat.

Supply Minister Mohammed Nagi Shattah and Local Government Minister Sa'ad Ma'arouf took the oath of office before Mubarak and top aides at the Uruba presidential

palace. A third newly appointed cabinet member, Industry Minister Mohammed Sayed El-Ghoroury, will be sworn in after returning from a visit to Saudi Arabia.

Mubarak sacked Supply Minister Ahmed Nohh and Industry Minister Fuad Abu-Zaghlal after the ethics court implicated them in the trial and conviction of Esmat Sadat and 10 members of his family on a variety of corruption charges.

Labour sinks Australia's aircraft carrier

CANBERRA (Reuters). — Australia's new Labour government yesterday ordered the country's only aircraft carrier to be sold and said it will not buy or lease a new one.

Defence Minister Gordon Scholes said in a statement that the government decided that a new car-

rier would be too costly. He said the existing aircraft carrier, the 30-year-old Melbourne, "must be sold to the highest bidder, probably for scrap."

Cheaper options, such as taking up Britain's offer to build a new invincible class carrier or to lease the carrier Hermes, are "not on", he said.

Socialist candidates benefited from the turnout of voters who abstained in the first round.

The vote in Marseilles, where Interior Minister and Mayor Gaston Defferre was hard-pressed by a young Conservative challenger, was 9 per cent higher than the previous week.

The surge in support for the left did not save the Communist Party from losses, which angered party leader Georges Marchais. Big towns lost by the Communists included St. Etienne, and former strongholds in the south of the country and in the so-called "Red Belt" around Paris also defected.

Marchais said on television that despite the electoral alliance between the Socialist and Communist Parties, Socialist voters had been reluctant to vote for Communist candidates in the second round.

The major victor of the campaign on the right was the neo-Gaullist party of Paris Mayor Jacques Chirac.

Chirac won all the 20 electoral districts in Paris and his party made significant gains elsewhere.

JEWISH CULTURE. — The Second World Jewish Cultural Festival will be held in Paris next month, and will mark the 100th birthday of Franz Kafka.

Ex-stormtrooper resigns seat in Bonn parliament

BONN (AP). — A member of the anti-Nazi Greens Party who acknowledged he was once a Nazi stormtrooper has resigned his parliamentary post, a Greens spokeswoman said last night.

Werner Vogel, 75, decided to resign after the Greens met for several hours on Sunday to discuss press reports about his past.

The Greens are "very conscious that it is the responsibility of the entire republic to remove itself from the past," said the spokeswoman.

Vogel acknowledged on Friday that he was a member of the Nazi party and of the feared S.A. stormtroopers, or "Brownshirts," the Nazi paramilitary organization that terrorized Hitler's opponents.

Vogel, who had been the leading Greens candidate in his state of North Rhine-Westphalia, will remain a party member and legal adviser. He will be replaced in the parliament by Dieter Drabinski, 28.

As the oldest member of the new Bundestag, or lower house of parliament, Vogel would have had the honour of being acting president and opening the first session of the 10th Bundestag on March 29.

Pope, cardinals discuss Poland trip

VATICAN CITY (AP). — Pope John Paul II met with Polish cardinals yesterday to discuss his planned pilgrimage to his native Poland in June. Vatican officials reported.

The pontiff received Cardinal Jozef Glemp, the Roman Catholic primate of Poland, and Cardinal Franciszek Macharski, the pope's successor as Archbishop of Krakow, in separate audiences.

The Vatican is expected to announce the pope's itinerary today. Vatican sources have said he will probably visit Warsaw, the shrine city of Czestochowa, Krakow and a city in the Silesia coal-mining region.

Glemp and Macharski arrived here last week to work out detailed plans for the papal trip.

Centenary of Marx's death marked

LONDON (AP). — The centenary of the death of Karl Marx was marked yesterday with a speech and wreath-laying at his grave in Highgate Cemetery, North London.

In New Delhi, India's parliament paid homage to the man who co-authored *The Communist Manifesto* with Friedrich Engels in 1848. Twenty years later wrote *Das Kapital*, his plan for a new political economy.

Marx, born at Trier, Germany on May 5, 1818, died at 64 in London on March 14, 1883.

A large rally, with banners, songs and clenched fists, was held at the grave on Sunday.

It was organized by the Workers' Revolutionary Party, a Trotskyist rival of the Communists, so there was no mention of it yesterday in the Communist daily *Morning Star*.

The silence echoed the bitter disputes with other philosophers and radicals in which Marx engaged throughout his political career.

Most Americans don't trust Reagan — 'Time' poll

NEW YORK (Reuters). — A majority of American voters do not trust President Ronald Reagan as a leader, notwithstanding their belief that the economy is improving, according to a *Time* magazine poll released yesterday.

Only 46 per cent of the 1,008 voters polled in the telephone survey considered the president a "leader you can trust," a decline from 57 per cent in May, 1981 *Time* said.

Seventy per cent of the respondents said they believed the president "represents the rich rather than the average American."

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North Korea blasts exercise by S. Korea—U.S. task force

TOKYO (Reuters). — North Korea bitterly denounced the U.S. and South Korea yesterday as a big American and South Korean naval task force prepared for a mock invasion of the peninsula.

Articles carried by the North Korean Central News Agency (KCNA), monitored in Tokyo, described South Korean President Chun Doo-hwan as an American puppet and accused the U.S. of being an imperialist aggressor occupying South Korea.

Meanwhile the combined fleet of more than 30 ships, including two American aircraft carriers, prepared to put some 5,000 American and South Korean Marines ashore near Pohang on the

southeast coast of South Korea. The exercise, part of war games involving 191,000-strong American and South Korean forces, is designed to show how the U.S. will respond in the event of war in the Korean peninsula.

The 10-week-long war games have been criticized by China as well as by North Korea, which has placed its forces on "semi-war" alert.

North Korean President Kim Il Sung said Sunday he did not attend the recent Non-Aligned conference in New Delhi, because of "the critical situation created by U.S.-South Korea joint military exercises."

Walesa shuns Gdansk rally for fear of 'provocation'

WARSAW (AP). — More than 1,000 supporters of the outlawed Solidarity labour federation demonstrated peacefully outside the Lenin shipyard in the Baltic port of Gdansk yesterday, and dispersed without a confrontation with police, witnesses said.

Solidarity chief Lech Walesa, who was turned away from a similar demonstration on Sunday, stayed away yesterday, telling Western reporters by telephone that he feared "a provocation."

The 39-year-old labour leader has

largely avoided direct confrontation with the authorities since he was released from months in martial-law internment last November.

Walesa said he will continue to attend the trials of Solidarity activists charged with political crimes.

Police detained an unknown number of young people on Sunday while dispersing pro-Solidarity demonstrations in Gdansk, Warsaw and the southwestern city of Wroclaw according to Western reporters.

Nkomo keeps low profile

LONDON (AP). — Zimbabwe opposition leader Joshua Nkomo, who has sought refuge in Britain saying he fears for his life at home, yesterday left a London hotel where he stayed overnight and headed for an undisclosed address.

The 137-kilogram Nkomo dodged waiting reporters at a hotel near Heathrow Airport. He left through a back entrance and was driven away, the British domestic news agency Press Association reported.

British officials appeared embarrassed by Nkomo's arrival. The Home Office, which controls immigration, said simply that Nkomo, whose passport was seized by Mugabe's officials last month, was given permission to stay for a week "pending consideration of his case."

Canada checking suspected ex-Nazis

TORONTO (AP). — More than 100 suspected Nazi war criminals across Canada are being investigated, many of them for possible extradition to either the German Federal Republic or the Netherlands, Federal Solicitor General Robert Kaplan said on Sunday.

At a meeting in a Toronto synagogue, Kaplan said he could speak only briefly about the investigations because they are in various stages of completion. But he said many were started after other countries made requests to know if certain suspected war criminals were living

in Canada. "There are over 100 (investigations)...for possible extradition," he said. "Many of these may fall because some (suspected criminals) never came here, some may be dead and some may not be competent to stand trial."

Estimates on the number of war criminals living in Canada vary widely. Kaplan said in the past that it is not a large number, but Adelbert Ruekerl, Federal German Attorney-General for the investigation of war crimes, has said there may be as many as 1,000.

Peking call for 'flexibility in Marxism'

PEKING (Reuters). — Chinese Communist Party leader Hu Yaobang said yesterday the world Communist movement has met severe setbacks in the last three decades, and called for flexibility in interpreting Marxist theory.

In a speech marking the 100th anniversary of the death of Karl Marx, Hu said Marxism is immortal and has inspired "a worldwide, irresistible historical tide propelling social progress."

But he said Marxism has also encountered serious problems: "For more than three decades since the Second World War, the world Communist movement has followed a tortuous course of development. It has scored magnificent successes and victories, but has also experienced severe setbacks and failures, undergoing a bewildering process of turbulence and division." Hu's reference to division was

clearly aimed partly at the Sino-Soviet split over 20 years ago, which divided the Communist world into two camps. Hu said the Marxist party of each country has to formulate "its own line and policies in accordance with its own concrete conditions."

Sports

Voodoo on derby

Post Sports Staff
Maccabi and Hapoel Tel Aviv soccer clubs are beginning to imagine that there is a jinx on their derby match. The heavy rain has again put in jeopardy this afternoon's scheduled game between the two teams at Bloomfield Stadium in Jaffa.

The fixture — traditionally one of the best crowd-pullers during the league season, especially as it is preceded by an intriguing curtain-raiser between the other two Tel Aviv sides Shimshon and Bnei Yehuda — has been put off twice in recent weeks because of inclement weather and the waterlogged pitch.

Four other postponed National League matches are set to be played — weather permitting — this afternoon. All have curtain-raiser on the night race to avoid relegation. They involve Ramat Gan v. Jaffa; Yarmouk v. Be'er Sheva; Hapoel Jerusalem v. Hapoel Haifa; and Be'er Sheva v. Netanya.

Six postponed Second Division games set off during the weather-dominated season are also on the card. Kick-off is at 3.30, the early game at Bloomfield slated for 1.30 p.m.

Israel radio will give special coverage in an edition of the "Goals and Songs" programme after 4 p.m. on the second channel.

Tennis Bonanza

TEL AVIV. — American tennis stars Mel Purcell and Chip Hooper will play top Israeli Shlomo Glickstein and Shahar Perkis in a Davis Cup-style friendly international here in May, within the framework of the 12th Hapoel Games. The May 6-7 match will be staged at the Israel Tennis Centre's Ramat Hasharon Courts.

Masterly Lloyd

PORT-OF-SPAIN (Reuters). — Clive Lloyd (143) and Larry Gomes (123) hit centuries to lift the West Indies into a commanding position at the end of the third day of the second cricket Test against India in Trinidad. West Indies are 335 for seven, a lead of 160, and well placed to go 2-0 up in the five-match series. They won the first test by four wickets. Yesterday was a rest day.

In Wellington, New Zealand are poised for victory over Sri Lanka in the second Test. Sri Lanka 240 and 93 (Heard 4-34, Swales 5-31, Chelmsford 3-35); New Zealand 201 and 62-1.

Home-town driver

RIO DE JANEIRO (Reuters). — Nelson Piquet of Brazil, driving a Brabham, won the Brazilian formula one Grand Prix on his home-town track here.

Intriguing draw

LONDON (AP). — Arsenal, beaten by Manchester United in the semi-finals of the League Cup, have been given a "double" of the two teams were drawn together in the first round of the FA Cup competition. At least one professional club will be at Wembley since the other semifinalists Brighton and the winner of tonight's replay between Second Division Sheffield Wednesday and Burnley.

Both matches will be played on neutral venues on April 16. BOXING: Jeff Chandler retained his WBA heavyweight title with a unanimous 15-round points decision over fellow-American Jose "Crazy" Gonzalez.

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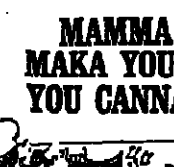
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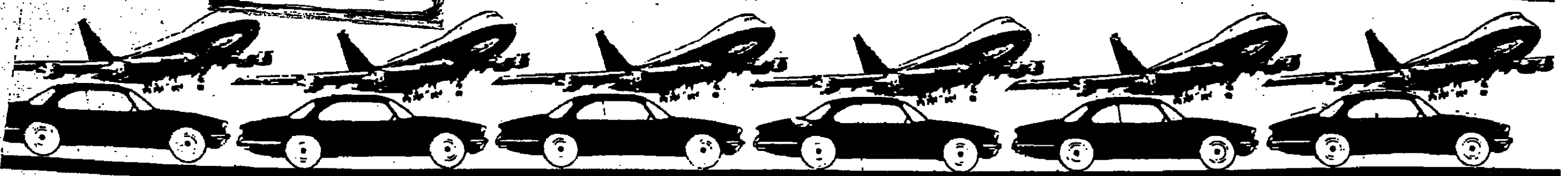
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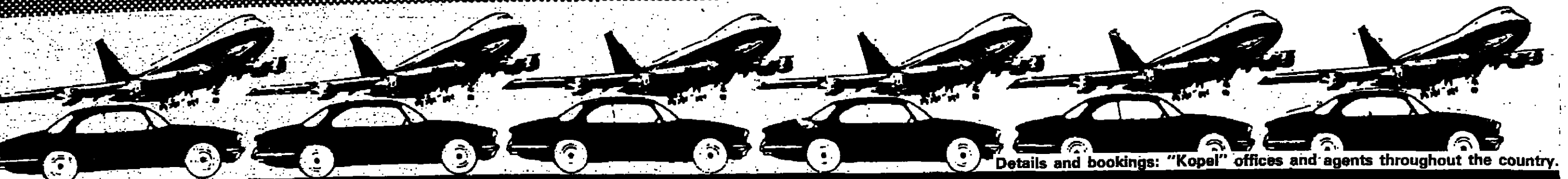
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KIRYAT TELSHE STONE, a community of apartment blocks overlooking the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway and adjacent to the Arab village of Abu Ghosh, has 180 families and eight synagogues.

About 70 per cent of the residents speak English, having come on *aliya* from Western countries. The rest are native-born Israelis. The diversity of this small religious urban settlement in the Judean Hills — as reflected by the large number of synagogues — ranges from national religious Mizrahi types to doctrinaire anti-Zionists.

Even though some residents don't recognize the government, and though many of the *olim* settled to be in Eretz Yisrael rather than *Medinat Yisrael*, Kiryat Telshe Stone warmly received President Yitzhak Navon during his recent visit.

Navon affixed the *mezuzah* on the doorpost of the new Kupa Holim Meuhedet clinic, and chatted with Dr. Raphael Bortz, a young newly observant Jew from South Africa, who lives in Telshe Stone and runs the medical facility.

Telshe Stone is named in honour of Irving Stone, the chairman of the board of the American Greeting Card Company, whose donation to its founder, Rabbi Eliezer Sorotzkin, established the *kiryat*. The first few families moved into their homes in 1975.

ALTHOUGH THE families grew in size (there are an average of five or six children in each family), the settlement merely inched towards expansion, largely because the stone-faced housing is nearly as expensive as in Jerusalem, and the religious and the ultra-Orthodox felt they might as well, for the same money, live in Jerusalem, or, for less money, in Judea and Samaria. But the organizers hope that Telshe Stone, with its convenient and scenic location as well as its insularity, will attract more observant families. Mr.

Stone, who lives in Cleveland, hopes that the *kiryat* will become a world-renowned centre of Jewish learning, and perhaps a centre of scientific studies and research, with its own non-polluting, high technology industry.

At present, the 1,000 residents have the use of a bank, shops, the *yeshiva*, a well-baby clinic, two ritual baths, a boys' school, a girls' school, kindergartens, nursery, elementary *yeshiva*, and two *kollelim* (Talmud studies for married *yeshiva* students), in addition to Neve Zion and the Kupa Holim clinic. There are dozens of apartments available for new arrivals, and the final plan is for 800 families. The largest families that can afford it live in separate villas.

Shoshana Goldbaum, who arrived in Israel with a husband and 10 children, has produced a young *sabra*, and the family live in one of the cottages. She had never been to Israel before, and found the adjustment surprisingly easy.

Rabbi Moshe Sorotzkin, son of the founder of the *kiryat*, told the president that the easiest way for couples to come on *aliya* is to arrive immediately after their marriage, so that there are fewer ties to cut and fewer Diaspora luxuries to forget.

The community, he said, welcomes newly observant Jews, and there are quite a few of them at Kiryat Telshe Stone, including two former pilots who commute to the Israel Aircraft Industries about half an hour away.

FROM THE clinic, Navon went to the Neve Zion *yeshiva*, where he was received by the all-former-American staff headed by Rabbi Ben-Zion Sobel. The building, with its eight external supporting marble ribs, is modern and roomy, and there is space nearby for 90 dormitory students.

Although all the teachers wear black hats or *kippot* indoors, the student body of American high school

Tora under the trees

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH/Jerusalem Post Reporter

graduates wear the more modern and colourful crocheted *kippot* worn among Mizrahi-type communities. But the fact that the students come from a more religiously liberal background does not seem to make the young men feel uncomfortable in the least in the atmosphere of Telshe Stone. "If you could change your *rebbe*," Navon asked the students. "How would you make them different?" "I wouldn't change anything," responded Eliezer Glaser, the son of Israeli emigrants now living in Los Angeles. "They're perfect the way they are."

The *yeshiva* caters only to Americans, most of whom come before going to college. They are partially supported by the *yeshiva* department of the Absorption Ministry's Student Department, which has found that 50 per cent of western young people who study in Israeli *yeshivot* for a year or two eventually come on *aliya*. This is a unique institution in Israel, said Ya'acov Zev, head of the *yeshiva* department, because of the specific type of student it attracts.

A large percentage of the young men are graduates of American *yeshiva* day schools. "There are many boys who spent 12 years in an American *yeshiva*, but they still don't know the Bible or simple things about Judaism. And they know even less about Israel," said Rabbi Sobel. "There are thousands of such graduates who were turned against everything the *yeshiva* stands for. We call that type 'Tora

dropouts,' and we've been very successful at reaching them."

RABBI SOBEL explains that when the *yeshiva* was founded six years ago, it was decided that the classes must be small, no more than 10 a class. And in fact, there are 10 *rebbe*s today for 100 students.

The students, he added, are taken on tours around Israel once a month, so they can develop emotional ties with the country.

"Tolerance is our secret. We encourage students to ask questions about Judaism that bother them; they can ask things that we as young students would have been slapped in the face for asking," says Rabbi Sobel.

One *rebbe*, who spent nine years teaching in the U.S. and Canada before coming here, told the president that, "in many *yeshivot*, we give the student a bad image of himself, pointing out his ignorance. But in the five years I've spent at Neve Zion, I realized that we must look for the outstanding positive attribute in any student — even if it's only that he's a good sportsman — and let him know it."

Navon asked the *rebbe*s whether they and the students had contact with the Arabs of Abu Ghosh, and they shook their heads diffidently, and explained that they "lacked time." Navon insisted that the Arabs in the village have proven themselves loyal Israeli citizens, and that religious Jews have much to

learn from them. They also use the name of God, and the Arabs in general preserved the names of historical Jewish places. "We wouldn't have known where these places were if it weren't for them using a slightly different Arabic name for them," Navon added that many agricultural techniques mentioned in the Talmud can be understood only by seeing how Arabs employ them today.

Rabbi Sobel, who appeared with Navon before the whole student body, is not a political Zionist, but he advocates *aliya* constantly, and the *halachic* imperative of leaving the Diaspora for Israel. He is often pressed by parents to convince their sons to return "home" from Israel, so that "we won't lose our son." The rabbi has little sympathy for such parents, and argues rather that they should be proud of children who want to "join their people and build Eretz Yisrael." Some of the boys have come on *aliya*, and brought their parents with them.

THE RABBI mentioned the negative American attitude to large families, and recalled that when his wife went shopping in the U.S. with their (then) five children, both Jews and non-Jews would often accost her, and observe: "Enough is enough. Haven't you ever heard of birth control?"

But when the Sobels arrived at Ben-Gurion Airport on *aliya*, the clerk who helped them fill out their forms was different. "You have five children. Wonderful! And you're still young; you can have 10 more." The Sobels have eight children now and are "praying" for more.

The president heartily agreed, and maintained that Jews must "change their style" and favour larger families, if the Jewish people is to increase.

Navon "interviewed" a number of students. Ariel Abraham, whose



Telshe Stone...180 families and eight synagogues.

parents were born in Bombay but who settled in America, is now in his third year at Neve Zion, and he is planning *aliya*. "All I did at *yeshiva* high school was to work hard in order to get good grades for college. But here I'm learning because I want to. I owe this *yeshiva* so much," he says, his voice cracking from emotion. "If you had told me three years ago that I would be

spending my life in a *yeshiva* in Israel, I'd have said you were crazy."

Shmuel Peretz, one of the five American Sephardis in the *yeshiva*, told Navon that as a result of his letters "home" to Los Angeles, his parents are considering *aliya*. "The *yeshiva* has given me so much spiritually. Now I look at Eretz Yisrael in a very different way."

READERS' LETTERS

FREEDOM OF SPEECH

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Moshe Aumann is to be commended for his article, "Removing the menace," (February 23) for its thoughtfulness and focus on the importance of speech in a free society. A number of points warrant further exposition.

Expression at some point, Mr. Aumann suggests, passes... legitimacy and acceptability, even in a free society... To bolster his view, he quotes O.W. Holmes' famous principle: when a "clear and present danger" is confronted, a society has the right to limit free speech. But what, indeed, constitutes a "danger," and when is it "clear" and "present"? Who is it to make these judgements? Obviously, we don't really have a very solid basis for limiting expression. Holmes, within one year, reversed himself in applying his own principle of limitation in wartime. In one of these cases, *Abrams v. U.S.*, he cautioned that even in wartime, speech must be protected because... "the ultimate good desired is better reached by free trade in ideas — that the best test of truth is the power of the thought to get itself accepted in the competition of the market... I think that we should be eternally vigilant against attempts to check the expression of opinion that we loathe."

When people govern themselves, they alone must judge what speech is good or bad, wise or unwise, just

or unjust, dangerous or not. Only through this process of judging can individuals learn to discern what is good, relevant or necessary to their existence. If there is any interference in this process, who is to make that judgement — governmental officials, some pressure group, a party or a select group of "philosopher kings"? To be afraid of ideas makes a people unfit for self-government.

Mr. Aumann claims that in the United States, heckling is permitted. According to the courts, not if it prevents the freedom of another individual or group. When clashing views fight for the public's attention within approximately the same physical space, the court upheld the right of both sides to be heard and the responsibility for protecting both rested with governmental authorities.

Finally, Mr. Aumann suggests that each nation should be permitted to determine the boundaries of freedom for itself, since nations have different histories, customs, traditions, demographic makeup, etc. If this were the situation, then what criteria do we employ for evaluating the quality of a nation's freedom? Certain universals must govern all nations because the exceptions claimed by each nation would simply make this fundamental principle meaningless.

JEWEL BELLUSH

Haifa

THE DOCTORS' STRIKE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Yosef Goell's article, "Striking at the public" (March 4) does little credit to a writer whose articles on other serious matters appear in your pages from time to time.

Mr. Goell's petty and spiteful remarks about the doctors, who are involved in a long struggle for just financial recompense for their hard work, are lamentable.

It would do Mr. Goell a lot of good and would enlighten him greatly if he would spend 48 hours in a ward, on duty and then work right through the next day with any one of the doctors who have to do this job at frequent intervals. He would realize that the doctors' prime motivation is to treat the sick and that, in most cases, the financial consideration is a secondary but very important factor. The doctors would like to earn a salary commensurate with their qualifications, their ability, the responsibility of their work and their over-long hours, and not because they are jealous of their dental and legal friends' incomes.

The Ministry of Health pleads lack of budget as a reason for the deteriorating hospital services and the inability to pay doctors better salaries. Mr. Goell should consider some of the wastage of public funds for which this government has been responsible, for instance, to mention one of many cases, the grounding of El Al for five months to "teach El Al a lesson." If only a small portion of these wasted monies were added to the budget of the Ministry of Health, the problem of deteriorating hospital services and doctors' salaries could have been solved.

DR. SYD COHEN

Ramat Hasharon.

TROJAN HORSE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — The report of the Israel commission on the Beirut massacre elicited great praise in the media for its finely honed sensitivity to moral concerns. What is tragic is that close scrutiny of the decision manifests a base anti-humanistic perspective of life.

What was the actual crime committed by Sharon? It was not a criminal act of which he could even be convicted in a trial of law. It was, rather, a metaphysical issue, a lapse of responsibility. Israeli leaders are held accountable for not realizing that Arab Christians are prone to massacre Arab Moslems. Thus, the crime was faith in humanity. Sharon had no right to assume that his military counterparts in the Christian militia would behave like soldiers of honour or even like normal human beings. By not subscribing to this brutal definition of Christian Arab soldiers, Sharon is judged by his peers and the world as indirectly accountable for the massacre.

ARTHUR KOESTLER

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — With reference to your obituary notice on Arthur Koestler (March 4), I feel I must rise to the defence of "The Thirteenth Tribe." One may or may not be convinced by his arguments in support of the thesis that Ashkenazi Jews are largely descended from tenth-century Khazars, but your assertion that anti-Semitism "the world over" leapt on it with delight begs the question. First of all, Koestler was at pains to emphasize that the racial origins of Ashkenazi Jewry were irrelevant to the issue of Israel's right to exist; and secondly, even if it were true that the thesis served as fuel to anti-Semitism — which I would dispute — is truth (as Koestler conceived it) to be subject

to the use that it may be put to by the primitive and the bigoted?

Should the clinically established fact (for example) that sickle cell anaemia is endemic primarily among blacks be suppressed because it might give comfort to racists?

Surely the only criterion by which a theory is to be judged is that of its inherent plausibility, its apparent validity or otherwise, regardless of the possibility that it may be misused by the ignorant.

It seems The Jerusalem Post, like many others in Israel, has never forgiven Koestler for having regarded himself first as a human being and then as a Jew.

BEATRICE MCCARTNEY
Tel Aviv.

PREJUDICED COLUMNIST

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Apart from constantly displaying his woeful ignorance of Judaism and Jewish history, your regular columnist, Philip Gillon, shows himself to be incapable of overcoming violent prejudices and of achieving the slightest degree of political balance. I would strongly recommend that more of his weekly "Telereview" be devoted to the programmes we see and less to the venting of his own pet gripes and

jaundiced opinions.

As one of the "middle-of-the-roads" whom he went out of his way to berate recently, I think Mr. Gillon should wake up to the fact that an increasing number of Jerusalem Post readers have the greatest objection to his misuse of a TV column for highly partisan and secularist purposes.

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Mustafa Dadein ... 'Under his name it would be impossible to form a West Bank party.' (Gideon Gilai)

had to be enlisted to enable Ilyia to act freely.

HEBRON was the first and is still the largest of the six leagues and is regarded by both the Israeli authorities and the local Arabs as a model for the others. Only in Hebron and in Jenin have the leagues managed to strike anything resembling roots in the local political soil, and Jenin is dismissed since it has never ever had any political significance in the West Bank. Elsewhere, the *rabeta* have failed to grow beyond the one-clan and one-village organizations they were when established and have absolutely no legitimacy in the eyes of the local population.

Amla was appointed to replace Mohammed Nasser, a local engineer and electrical contractor, who himself had only taken over as chairman last November. No official explanation of Nasser's effective dismissal was provided. There were allegations of financial irregularities, but since none of the leagues has ever really had to account for the substantial funds they have received from the civil administration (approximately IS40 million for office expenses and salaries alone in the past six months), there must be some other reason.

Insiders claim that Nasser was dismissed at the insistence of the Hebron league's founder and first chairman, Mustafa Dadein, who now heads the Federation of Palestinian Leagues. The federation is envisaged as an umbrella organization for all of the village leagues and their eventual political mouthpiece.

NASSER, who was trained in Karachi, spent time in an Israeli prison for membership of an illegal organization and worked as a journalist on the two decidedly pro-PLO newspapers in East Jerusalem — *Al-Shah* and *Al-Fajr*, admits that he had political ambitions of his own. Like other members of the leagues, he shares the dream of an independent Palestinian state that would clearly reflect the interests of the inhabitants rather than those of the absentee leaders who constitute and control the PLO.

"At the moment that is not practical," Nasser acknowledges. "The first step is to form a political party

that would represent the West Bank. This party would have to be accepted as representative in the eyes of the rest of the world and would have to include people from the towns, the villages and the Gaza Strip. Dadein is linked only with the leagues, and under his name it would be impossible to form such a party."

Earlier this year Nasser, using his chairmanship in Hebron as a base, tried to organize a political conference; but the idea was scuttled by the man it threatened most — Dadein, who was able to invoke the solid backing of the civil administration.

Amla, too, acknowledges that the leagues lack legitimacy and that if they are to survive and advance the interests of those they claim to serve, they must establish bridges with recognized urban leaders. But he is careful to follow Dadein's leadership and the line and limitations laid down by the civil administration.

Nasser, for instance, told a visiting Israeli Bonds group in January that Israeli settlements in the West Bank were an obstacle. When the civil administration complained about his outspokenness Nasser is reported to have replied: "I am not part of the government.

You can't expect me to reflect your policy."

THE POLITICS of the village leagues is a melange of local patriotism and antagonism to politicians and policies that ignore them. They have ambivalent and probably opportunistic attitudes to King Hussein of Jordan. No one has expressed this more baldly than Dadein himself, who has stressed his fealty to the Hashemite throne while at the same time condemning the king's government for "terrorist" actions against members of the village leagues.

What clearly distinguishes the village leagues is their pragmatism. "The only real difference between us and the PLO is that we recognize, and have come to terms with, Israel," says Amla.

And it is on the basis of this pragmatism, of this recognition of the urgency of the need to reach an accommodation with Israel, that Amla and some of his colleagues hope to forge links with the moderate and established leadership in the West Bank.

Soon after his confirmation as chairman of the Hebron league, Amla was paid congratulatory visits by representatives of two of the leading Hebron families — the Ja'baris and the Kawasmes. The protocol of their visiting him was noted by West Bankers, who predict that the coming few months could see the replacement of the deposed mayors of Nablus, Ramallah and El-Bira who were removed a year ago by the civil administration. The leaders of the more moderate, and generally pro-Jordanian, families who lost control of the municipalities in the 1976

elections have been waiting in the wings and are showing signs that they are ready to re-enter the game.

In Nablus, attention is focused on the al-Masri family, particularly on the capable chairman of the local chamber of commerce, Zafer al-Masri, who controls the family's extensive commercial interests in the West Bank and Saudi Arabia.

In Ramallah, the former mayor Nadim Zarou, who, having been expelled by the late Moshe Dayan was allowed to return home 18 months ago, has clearly re-established himself. Even his opponents agree that he would probably win any election in the town.

In Hebron, the military government is said to be waiting for the opportune moment to replace the mayor Mustafa Natshe, who took over from Fahd Kawasme when he was expelled three years ago.

Kawasme, now in Amman, is reported to be willing to do "almost anything" to be allowed to return to Hebron. This possibility cannot be ruled out, because positive effects it would have as a goodwill gesture to the local population and to the U.S. and Egyptian governments.

There were some heady predictions when the village leagues were first established, but Israeli officials no longer appear to place great hopes in their expansion. "One has to limit the expectations we have of them," said one last week, although there is some satisfaction about the role they have fulfilled as part of the drive against the PLO influence in the territories.

At best they are a moderate element, that could link up in a minor role with the conservative, but moderate urban leadership which is eager to re-establish itself. Their chance would come with the despair that would sweep the territories if nothing were to emerge from the current peace moves that hinge on Jordan.

On-the-house counsellor

By LEA LEVAVI / Jerusalem Post Reporter

of a 15-year-old girl who repeatedly became pregnant by a married man whom she was seeing.

"She would have attacks of hysteria at home," says Dr. Reiter-Zedek. "She would start screaming and breaking everything in sight. Her mother, embarrassed because of the neighbours, would call me and plead with me to calm her over the phone. My husband complained about it, but I had no choice because the girl was liable to commit suicide if not helped."

Thanks to Dr. Reiter-Zedek's intervention, the girl ended her relationship with the married man, took a secretarial course, got a job and dated boys of her own age.

In another case, a boy whom Dr. Reiter-Zedek was treating, called

her at B'nai B'rith shortly before an appointment to announce that there was no need for him to come because he had decided to commit suicide. He just wanted to thank her for her help and to say goodbye, he explained.

She told him that she couldn't and wouldn't interfere with his life, but she thought that good manners required that he say thank you and goodbye in person. After a 20-minute telephone conversation, he agreed.

"Of course, I convinced him to put off suicide for another week, and another week... My father, who was a rabbi, always used to tell me that drastic decisions shouldn't be carried out right away and I use that on my patients. It works. He didn't

commit suicide and today he's settled in a good job."

ESTHER MOR, though trained as an educational psychologist, concentrates on the social service side of Elkan's work. She raises money to send needy youngsters to school and provides clothing and other aid where necessary. She has saved girls from pimps, and boys from criminal company, by finding them foster homes and making other arrangements for their protection and welfare.

More than 20 years ago, when I taught young immigrant mothers from North Africa to read and write, I saw children growing up without proper care and attention. I predicted then that we were raising a generation of criminals. Unfortunately, I wasn't too far wrong. When I founded Elkan 16 years ago, this wasn't a fashionable subject and nobody wanted to touch it."

Youngsters who write to the agony columns in the women's weekly *Laishah* are referred to Mor and her colleagues. Others are referred by social workers or simply by word of mouth.

"We're always looking for donors and volunteers to help us," she said. "Anyone interested can call me at 03-493973."

A note of despair

By LIORA MORIEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

THE teachers' college in Beersheba may soon lose its music department if enough students do not register on time. The department, which over the past 10 years has turned out 70 per cent of the music teachers in the area, requires at least seven new students to register by today.

Shulamit Feingold, coordinator of the music section for the past three years, told *The Jerusalem Post* that, although her department is wonderfully equipped and professionally staffed, people in the Negev are either not aware that they can study music at the college or prefer to study in Tel Aviv.

"I think there are enough people from Ashkelon to Eilat who would benefit from our programme, but many go to Tel Aviv even though our teachers are really very good. The problem may also be that there are not enough people in the area with a solid musical background. After all, the whole college is not very large and music is the smallest department."

There are 23 students, mostly female, currently enrolled for the three-year programme. Previously, when there were large numbers of new immigrants from Russia and South America, there were special classes for *olim*; the number of Israelis in the classes was always small. Now that there are hardly any immigrants and local talent seems eager to study elsewhere, the outlook is bleak.

A praiseworthy performance

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ONE PLUS THREE, presented by the Israel Composers' League. The Concerto Tio with Gila Yaron, soprano (Beit Ariela, Tel Aviv, March 10). Works by Jonatan Sztuszewsky, Debussy, Asher Ben-Yohanan, Vladimir Shkolnik, Joel Chabade, Veridina Shlonsky, Gabriel Iranyi.

PIANIST Michael Boguslavsky, clarinetist Eli Heifetz and cellist Emanuel Gruber not only excelled as a trio, but also distinguished themselves in solo pieces. All the works were performed excellently.

Asher Ben-Yohanan's *Three Songs* cleverly combine hints of modality and regional elements with serial-sounding melodic lines and piano textures. Occasionally slightly academic, the work overall pleases and convinces. A more contemporary idiom is used by Vladimir Shkolnik. Each of the composer's

five movements demonstrates a clear intention, concisely and firmly stated.

Why Joel Chabade's *Settings for Spirituals* for *Magnetic Tape* were included in this programme was hard to understand. The American composer slightly bends the normally sung spiritual and adds some childish and meaningless electronic ornaments.

Dialogue for Cello and Piano by Veridina Shlonsky reveals, to the attentive listener, a witty and refreshing texture.

Gabriel Iranyi in *Alef* aimed high and achieved the pretentious. The

explanatory notes stating that his piece is based on history, religion, time and space, and that these concepts start with the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet have no bearing on the music whatsoever. There were a few interesting sonorities, but even these were nothing new. An utterly disappointing composition.

Gila Yaron's voice seemed slightly unsteady in the Ben-Yohanan, but she tried her utmost in the Iranyi to give it the authority the music lacked.

Debussy's rhapsody with Eli Heifetz and Michael Boguslavsky provided a lovely interlude.

The concert, opened with a short clarinet solo piece by Sztuszewsky, his last composition, written a few months before his death in 1982.

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For the Kremlin to hear

JERUSALEM was not the originally planned venue for the World Conference on Soviet Jewry, which opens in Binveni Ha'uma this morning. Twice before, in 1971 and 1976, the conference met in Brussels, and it was initially scheduled to be convened in Paris last fall. But the Lebanese war caused a change in schedule and place.

Holding the conference in Israel's capital underlines, not least to Soviet Jews themselves, the fact that the demand on the Soviet authorities to open their gates to the exodus and repatriation of Jews, is primarily a matter between the State of Israel and the Soviet Union, despite the absence of diplomatic relations.

At first glance, this might seem a bad time in which to stress the primacy of repatriation — or, in simple Hebrew, *aliya* — at the expense of the demand for emigration as such. For what was for a short while a tide of Jews leaving the Soviet Union — 51,000 Jews emigrated in 1979, a record year — has lately slowed down to a trickle. This is not because Soviet Jews have resigned themselves to a life of discrimination and degradation as second-class citizens in the land of their birth. Some 400,000 Soviet Jews have, in fact, taken the trouble to obtain invitations from relatives in Israel to be reunited with them.

The drastic decline in Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union has been due strictly to an official policy of repression, which has also taken the form of hounding and imprisonment of Zionist and cultural activists.

It is, therefore, an appropriate time to bring the full weight of world public opinion to bear on the Kremlin in support of the right of Soviet Jews to come out and live as free Jews in Israel. Emigration is, after all, a basic human right, to which even the Soviet Union is ostensibly committed.

Yet if Soviet Jews have at all been allowed by their rulers to leave, it was not in recognition of this basic human right, but as a practical arrangement for the reunification of Jewish families in the Jewish state. This arrangement made it possible for the Soviet authorities to rid themselves of some chronically discontented Jews, but in a way that would not apply to other Soviet nationalities (with the exception of the Germans, who have been permitted to emigrate to West Germany).

One important reason for the recent squeeze on Jewish emigration has without a doubt been the steadily rising number of dropouts on the way to Israel. To those among the Kremlin hierarchy who have all along opposed the departure of the Jews, this was a good excuse to clamp down on the Jewish exodus. The right of the Jews to emigrate to wherever they pleased could not be granted.

But this, to be sure, was not the only reason. Soviet sensitivity to world public opinion, demonstrated in the wake of the two Brussels conferences, was bound to decline with the cooling off in East-West relations. If the issue of Jewish emigration is to be taken up by the Kremlin again, it will most likely be in the context of some political "package deal" to be worked out by the new Andropov administration with the West, notably with the U.S.

For such a deal to benefit the cause of Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union, however, the primacy of *aliya* must be maintained. Jewish emigrants from the Soviet Union are not political refugees, although Washington has chosen to grant them that status; they are potential citizens of the State of Israel.

It is the hope that they will, one day soon, become Israel's actual citizens that the Jerusalem World Conference on Soviet Jewry should seek to encourage.

DOING A DEAL WITH MOSCOW

By ZE'EV KATZ

WHY DEAL with the Soviet Union? Can anything be achieved by trying to exert pressure on the Soviet leadership?

The answers are rather obvious and yet in need of repetition and clarification. The Soviet leadership can give Israel what no one else can! One million Jews in the next two decades or so.

The sources of a large-scale *aliya* from any other quarter have largely dried up. The Soviet Union is the only realistic reserve of mass *aliya* in the foreseeable future.

During the last several years, the great majority of Jews released from Russia went to the West, rather than Israel. But the key to the ultimate destination of those allowed to leave is in the hands of the Soviet leadership.

The founders and leaders of Zionism have always stressed that the ultimate goal is not creation of a Jewish State, but rather that the Jewish State is to be created in order to save the Jewish people from extinction — physical or spiritual. Soviet Jewry, who account for about a quarter of the Jewish people in the entire world, is presently facing the threat of extinction.

We do not know how much time we might have if nothing is done during the next decade or two to save Soviet Jewry — much or most of this great Jewish community may be no more.

Saving Soviet Jewry and bringing one or two million of them to Israel is a major national goal for the Jewish people and for Israel. It is not less important than holding on to the territories. Actually by any scale of values — *halachic*, classical Zionist or humanistic — when the dilemma is land or people, people have priority.

Tragically, as the World Conference on Soviet Jewry opens in Jerusalem, the Soviet leadership has put a stop to any *aliya* from Russia, after releasing some 230,000 Jews since the early 1970s and some 52,000 in 1980 alone. The Kremlin has apparently made up its mind to signal to the Jews, and the West at large, that it will not allow Jewish emigration from Russia unless it will see tangible profit resulting from the move.

The immediate issue, therefore, before the Jerusalem conference is to find ways for persuading the American leadership and the Western elites in general to continue and strengthen their efforts on behalf of Soviet Jewry as part of their dealings with Moscow. This line of action may not yield the necessary result in the near future, so thought must also be concentrated on the other way: Is a separate Jewish-Israeli deal with the Kremlin on behalf of Soviet Jewry possible?

Clearly this matter hinges upon one decisive factor: have the Jewish people and Israel anything to offer which would be of value in the eyes of the Soviet leaders as a *quid pro quo* for a deal?

Some of the major specialists in the field believe that the Jewish people and Israel have nothing of this kind to offer. *Ipsa facto*, no deal is possible, and should not be attempted.

The present writer is one of those who believes the contrary. Factors of value to the Kremlin do exist, objectively. No less important are the subjective opinions of the Soviet leaders, who believe that Israel, American Jewry and the Jews elsewhere in the West are important in the present configuration of forces in the world. The latter point can not be over-stressed.

WHAT IS decisive is not whether we believe in the strength of the Jewish people in the world, but what the Soviet leadership believes. There is, indeed, much evidence to show that successive Soviet leaderships did believe in such "Jewish influence" and acted upon it. Sometimes with disastrous results for the Jewish people and at other times with greatly beneficial ones.

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This author detected such a feeling about Jewish influence in the world in his discussions with Soviet officials and specialists during the World Congress of Political Science in Moscow several years ago and during similar contacts over many years. Even if this is only partially so, the Soviets can be further persuaded in this direction.

In the context of the Soviet-American struggle, the Kremlin sees the West as divided into two camps. In one are those who support détente and mutual disarmament arrangements. In the second are those for tough anti-Soviet policies and for boosting the arms race.

When the West is so divided into two camps, the Jews — a relatively small but strategically based and effective group — can sometimes play an important role. They might for example tip the scales when the contending forces are equal. They might act either as an accelerator or as a brake on various policies in the West.

Historically, one might say, that the Jewish factor had a considerable impact in the West for a positive policy towards Russia in the 1930s and during World War II at the time of the great Nazi danger. In recent times, however, the Jewish element acted largely in the other direction.

The issue of Soviet Jewry has been especially injurious to Soviet-American and Soviet-Western relations. The Soviets see such developments as the famous Jackson Amendment as a demonstration of Jewish behind-the-scenes influence to the detriment of the USSR. They similarly view the speedy American retreat from the U.S.-Soviet agreement of early October 1977 on regulating the conflict in the Middle East, as well as the massive American support for Israel in the wars of 1967, 1973 and 1982. The major infusion of American economic and military support to Israel for years is also seen as evidence of the strength of the "Jewish influence."

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THERE IS considerable evidence that Moscow also sees Israel as a strong and effective factor in the context of the Middle East and in the strategic configuration between East and West. It was with Israeli help that the U.S. was able to diminish and remove Soviet influence in a number of countries in this area.

The U.S. alone has become the

arbiter of the basic issues between Israel and the Arab countries, leaving the USSR out in the cold.

This despite the fact that the Soviet Union was co-chairman of the Geneva Conference set up after the Yom Kippur War by the UN in order to hammer out a comprehensive solution for the Middle East conflict.

Any arrangement with the Soviet Union on the Middle East issue would have to include an Israeli agreement to return at least most, if not all, of the territories held by Israel since 1967 to Arab sovereignty. It would have to allow for some form of recognition of the Palestinians right to self-determination.

It would also have to provide the Soviets with an official role in the Middle East settlement, as a recognized partner of the U.S. Even a very moderate and compromise-orientated Labour government in Israel would encounter great difficulty in meeting Soviet demands on these crucial issues, though it would be at least partially accommodating on some of them. As for the present Likud government, it takes a totally contrary position on each of these issues.

When Ariel Sharon was minister of defence, Israel actually reached an open position of strategic confrontation with the Soviet Union. Israel was presented as a foremost military ally of the U.S. guarding against a possible Soviet incursion in the region, as well as being a protective shield for pro-Western regimes in the area.

It seems obvious, therefore, that any Soviet-Jewish deal would in present circumstances have to leave apart all matters related to the Middle East. The most the present Israeli government could do would be to tone down its current anti-Soviet stance and to refrain from any actions against Soviet positions in the area (e.g. Syria).

THE BASIC deal could be done only in regard to the "Jewish influence" on East-West relations, disarmament and economic and scientific contacts. An outline of a deal might be as follows: In exchange for a stable exodus of an average of 50,000 Jews from the USSR a year, the "Jewish-Israeli influence" in the Western world will refrain from exerting its present negative influence on Soviet relations with the West. The worldwide campaign on behalf of Soviet Jewry, which aggravates the atmosphere in the West against Russia and creates major difficulties for its economic, political and scientific relations, will come to a standstill.

The "Jewish factor" in the international arena will become neutral and in time possibly "positive." The very fact that the Soviet Union will stop its measures against Jewish activists, release the refusenik prisoners and allow regular and civilized mass emigration of Jews from Russia — these in themselves will have a positive impact on Western public opinion and the ruling elites.

No more demonstrations in front of Soviet embassies, no more ac-

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cusations of "Soviet anti-Semitism," no more harassment of Soviet representatives and delegations, no more "Jackson Amendments" and other measures that have a detrimental effect on Soviet relations with the West. To the degree that the Soviet leaders will take positive steps in regard to Soviet Jewry and Israel, there will also be positive repercussions to their policies in the West.

In time, following a gradual improvement in Soviet-Jewish relations and in the Soviet image, one might even envisage a positive influence of world Jewry on Soviet interests in the West.

Also, positive ways might be found for a renewed Soviet role in the Israel-Arab conflict and in the Middle East in general — if the Kremlin will guarantee not to act against the basic interests of Israel.

THERE IS one more ingredient in this deal that needs to be dealt with. The arrangements between the Israel-Jewish side and the Moscow side will also have to include a basic change in the procedures of Jewish emigration from Russia. A way will have to be found for the direct travel of Soviet Jews from their point of departure to Israel.

If direct flights can not be arranged — for example, because of Soviet sensitivity to Arab reactions — a new and different intermediary station will have to be found. Bucharest or Sofia are possibilities instead of Vienna.

Jewish emigrants from the USSR, who always leave with a permit to travel to Israel, will know that this is their actual destination. Procedures

will have to be worked out for those who wish to join family elsewhere — after having arrived in Israel.

A major deal resulting in a mass exodus of Soviet Jews to America would not be acceptable to Israel or to the USSR. Perhaps even not to the U.S. in present conditions. (A million new Jewish immigrants in America?)

These suggestions do not mean that an attempt for a Jewish-Soviet deal on Russian Jewry should be done "against the U.S." or even "without the U.S." The opposite is the case. It might have a chance for success only if the U.S. is behind it — fully or tacitly.

The difference between such a deal and a direct U.S.-Moscow deal is that there would be no need to ask the U.S. to take the initiative and to wait for its implementation.

The Jewish-Israeli side can take the matter up with Soviet representatives, provided that U.S. backing for it is available. Furthermore, since the Kremlin may be wary about a direct deal with Israel in general — and with the present Begin government in particular — the active role might be taken up by the representative bodies of American Jewry, together with the World Jewish Congress.

Would the Kremlin be ready seriously to consider a deal on Soviet Jewry? We shall not know until a serious initiative by the Jewish-Israeli side is undertaken.

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POSTSCRIPTS

P "PARKINSON'S LAW," the satirical look at bureaucracy, has become a best seller in the midst of China's battle against bureaucracy.

The 100-page book by C. Northcote Parkinson sold out in a few days recently in Shanghai, the Shanghai newspaper *Wen Hui Bao* reports.

"Reading this material is beneficial to our doing an even better job of reform," said one young man who didn't even leave the counter before beginning the book, the newspaper reported.

A top Chinese leader, who was not identified, commented, "Although our political system is completely different from Britain's, the bureaucratic organizations and certain work styles satirized in the book are worth our deep thought," *Wen Hui Bao* said.

P MAXIM SOLOMON was faced with a problem. He was invited to the recent world assembly of Jewish war veterans in Jerusalem but had mislaid the medals he earned for his war-time service with the Royal Air Force in Africa and Italy. Having confirmed that he could not replace them in Israel, he sought advice from the British air attaché who assisted in identifying the precise medals that Solomon required and then suggested he approach British Airways to see if they could assist in locating the medals and produce them in time for the congress.

Within an hour of Solomon's request it was confirmed that the medals could be obtained in London and a messenger was sent to collect them. The package was consigned to a British Airways flight and within three days of his unusual request Solomon was reunited with his medals.

P UNDETERRED by the ups and downs of the world energy situation, Saudi Arabian camels churned their way recently to top honours at a Persian Gulf race of thoroughbred Arab camels.

The event was attended by Saudi King Fahd, United Arab Emirates President Sheikh Zayed, Bahrain's Crown Prince Sheikh Hamad, and a brother of the ruler of Qatar, Sheikh Khalifa Al-Thani.

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